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INJURIES.
40 YEARS' CHRONIC RHEUMATISM.
THE CURE. AFTER 6 YEARS.
For over 40 years I have been a sufferer from rheumatism. I was cured by the use of Jacobs Oil. I have been a sufferer from rheumatism for over 40 years. I was cured by the use of Jacobs Oil. I have been a sufferer from rheumatism for over 40 years. I was cured by the use of Jacobs Oil.

OUTLAW gets a very cool welcome in Missouri.

The Linneus Bulletin is eighteen years old, and is one of the best papers that reaches this office.

GROVER CLEVELAND, D. B. Hill and Hugh Grant are all members of the Tammany Hall Democratic Club of New York City.

MAJOR R. E. LAWDER arrived in Washington Friday and next day filed his application for the office of Revenue Collector. He is well endorsed.

The girls who took part in the contest Friday all did well and were graded very closely. The judges were sorry they could not award a prize to each one.

KANSAS has planted enough castor beans this spring to make 4,000 gallons of oil, and this fact should be held over the children all summer as a warning for good behavior.

The meaning of "Oklahoma" in Indian tongue is "Beautiful Land." In the English language it signifies "A Stampede of Idiots." You pays your money and takes your choice.

A NEW YORKER worth \$7,000,000 waited five minutes the other day for a new boy to get change and return him two cents. He probably wanted the pennies for the Sunday collection.

MEXICO may well be proud of her public schools, and such entertainments as the one given Friday night bear testimony to the fact that Mexico has, by all odds, the best public schools in the whole State.

WORK on the hole is virtually abandoned and we believe it would be a good idea to put the money left into a good creamery. A first-class creamery and cheese factory would prove a big thing for Mexico.

The bungling manner in which the Bald Knobbers were hung is a strong argument in favor of electricity for capital punishment. The Knobbers could have hanged themselves in better shape than the sheriff who attended to the execution.

BALD KNOBBERISM was promptly and properly nipped in the bud in grand old Missouri. We publish a synopsis of Governor Francis' letter refusing to interfere. This letter covers the ground fully, and is an unusually interesting paper worthy of a close reading.

A MARRIED lady of position living at Peoria, Ill., wishing to take an airing, sent for a horse and a man to drive. The order was filled, the liverman himself acting as Jehu. It seems that the lady was married, and his wife, seeing her husband driving with a lady, became madly jealous and, procuring a horse, followed and overtook the other buggy and gave the lady, who was accompanied by her little girl, a brutal horse-whipping. Peoria ladies, if they continue the practice of driving in cage-seated buggies with hired coachmen, will probably hereafter insist upon having the services of a leg man.

An enterprising Southern Girl. From the Atlanta Constitution. Talk about your enterprising Yankee and Western girls—they can't compare to some of these Southern maidens. Here's a Mississippi lassie who seems to have a genius for the accumulation of the almighty dollar. Some one gave the girl five cents on her birthday. She bought a yard of calico with it, out of which she made a sun-bonnet, which had ruffles around the edges and frills upon the strings, and was altogether so captivating a bit of headgear that a neighbor purchased it from her for fifty cents. With this she bought eggs and from these chickens, and in a year and a half she has made from the sale of eggs and chickens \$40. There the story stopped, but it seems there is a sequel to it, for all this happened more than a year ago, and in that time the young woman has invested her \$40 in a cow which has a calf. She raised the calf, selling at the same time the milk from the cow to the value of \$20, and the calf, proving to be a particularly fine one, is valued so much that the young woman who began with five cents is now the possessor of \$60 worth of stock and \$20 in cash.

HANGED TWICE.

Terrible Banging at the Bald Knobbers' Execution Friday—Snoozing Scenes.

The hanging of the three Bald Knobbers Friday morning was botched. When the drop fell young Walker's rope broke and he fell to the ground without losing consciousness. Mathews' rope touched, but he died without the rope being readjusted. The elder Walker fell almost prostrate but the rope was drawn up and he died in fifteen minutes. Young Walker, conscious and begging his executioners to make haste, sat on the scaffold for nearly twenty minutes waiting for his father and Mathews to die so that the trap could be readjusted. The boy was then hanged again, and died without a struggle.

ON THE SCAFFOLD.

Mathews trembled as he went up the steps, but surprising to all, did not break down. As the ministers sang Mathews broke in with "Thank God." The ministers shook hands with the prisoners. When Sheriff Johnson asked Mathews if he had anything to say he repeated his declaration of innocence.

Dave Walker said he was fully prepared to meet his God.

Young Walker said:

"We will meet you in heaven."

The Sheriff first adjusted the noose about Mathews' neck and then about Dave Walker's. Mathews said: "Oh, God, did I ever think I would die like this?" As the rope was adjusted about Will Walker's neck he muttered a prayer with his eyes closed. The black cap was put on Will first, then on Dave and then on Mathews. Just before this was done father and son kissed each other.

When Will Walker turned to his father and asked that he kiss him and when their lips met Sheriff Johnson himself gave way. The tears streamed down the two men's faces as they turned and took their places for the drop.

A SICKENING SCENE.

The trap was sprung and the men went down. Will Walker's feet touched the ground, as did his father's. Both struggled mightily. They were raised, and gurgling sounds came from their throats. The knot in Will Walker's noose gave way and the young man fell sprawling on the ground. He lay there and groaned. His father was now dying but still struggling. The Sheriff and his deputies held Dave up, shortened the rope and loosened it until a knot was tied in it. Not until then did Dave Walker's feet clear the ground. After the loop knotted in the rope had been tied Dave again swung from the rope. This time his feet did not touch the ground. His struggles and moans were frightful.

Meantime Will, his boy, was on the ground coming back to consciousness. His first words were a prayer. After Dave ceased struggling Will was lifted to the platform again. He sat up and talked, and pleaded for the Sheriff to hurry.

The Sheriff held him up. In this half-dead condition the boy was laid out on the platform until his father was dead or a noose had been tied. When Dave Walker and Mathews were stretched on a white sheet on the ground beneath the trap was again set. Young Walker was held up and the rope again adjusted about his bleeding neck. He prayed constantly. After the noose was about his neck he choked and as he said "God, I commit myself to thee," he partially fell forward.

AGAIN HANGED. The trap was again sprung and he dangled in the air. After the adjustment of the noose the Sheriff ordered the rope shortened so that his feet could not touch the ground again. This time the noose did not give way and the young man's life went with it, twitches which shook his whole body.

The Governor's Edict. Following is the more important part of Governor Francis' letter to T. J. Delaney, counsel for the Christian county Bald Knobbers, giving reasons for not extending executive clemency. After stating the case, the Governor says:

"For the past four days I have devoted most of my time and attention to a consideration of the arguments for commutation of the sentences of the condemned men and to an investigation of the testimony given at the trial of their cases. I have read carefully the petition of the trial judge and the prosecuting attorney for commutation of a sentence, as well as your written argument and the many appeals for mercy made by letter and petition from different parts of the State. That you have ably and ingeniously presented every reasonable argument for your clients I cheerfully admit. All the mitigating facts you have carefully set forth in a forcible manner. The new testimony which you have presented in the shape of affidavits from respected citizens and officials attacking the credibility of a prominent witness in the case of David Walker has been duly considered and carefully weighed. The testimony given at the trial as shown in the record of the case presents few if any paltering circumstances. [The Governor here reviews the details of

the murders on the night of March 11, 1877.] That all those who engaged in this attack were equally guilty cannot be denied, but the fact that the State was compelled to grant immunity to some of the accomplices in order to convict others, if not more guilty offenders, should not relieve from punishment those who have been sentenced by the courts. This was a conspiracy, the parties to which were masked and bound together by a terrifying oath, attended by ceremonies calculated to impress the subscriber with a deep sense of the solemnity of his obligation. The new testimony which you have adduced for the purpose of overthrowing the statements made by one of the state's witnesses against David Walker, to the effect that he not only encouraged but ordered the attack, appears from the testimony to have been known to the counsel for defense at the time of the trial. But even if such were not the case the fact remains that David Walker was the organizer and leader of this band, that his authority over the men was absolute if not despotic and that by timely exertion he could undoubtedly have prevented the assault. The youth of William Walker, which has been urged as the reason for the extension of clemency to him, would in most cases be justification for merciful action, but in this one the testimony shows him to have been a leader rather than a follower and establishes the fact that he was the most daring and desperate of the band.

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The attack had little provocation and no reasonable explanation of it has ever been offered. The executive authority of the State cannot be better employed than in throwing about the homes of its children the mantle of its protection. The epidemic of lawlessness which has broken out in various parts of the country in the guise of self-styled regulators, and which in this State has found expression in bald knobberism, should be suppressed, and it is to the credit of Missouri that she has so promptly administered the punishment prescribed by law for the commission of outrages of the nature of the Edens-Green murder.

Being sworn to protect and uphold the law, to insure protection to peaceable citizens, and to assist in the punishment of the offenders, cannot grant the commutation desired.

With the highest respect and greatest personal esteem, I am, sir, your obedient servant.

DAVID R. FRANCIS, Governor.

What is a Mission?

A mission is a call from God to all to repent. It comes to the Christian; to the doubter; to the non-church goer; to the unbeliever. It comes to recall to all the fact, which we so often forget, that our nature is forward and wayward and must be dealt with in all its moods—in all its liabilities. The church of which this mission is a part, would use all the "machinery" that has been found serviceable in other religious orders for the awakening and winning of souls. Whatever things are true; whatever things are honest; whatever things are pure; whatever things are lovely; whatever things are of good report—these she would use to win and allure men back to God—their Father and their Saviour.

Sin is around us, in us, and Satan plies with extraordinary temptation. Seeing this the church now goes as she did in the days of her faithful priests—Law, the Wesleys, Fletcher and Whitfield, and cries aloud, to all who will hear the words of life. She sees that John the Baptists and Pauls are needed. She would if she could recall Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel and the old prophets. She would bring back Chrysostom and Boniface, Anthony of Padua and Bernard. She would have with her now Savanaria, Ridley and Latimer and all the martyrs of a past age to awaken the present.

The fact is that we believe that our church beautiful as it is, with all its privileges is for all, high, low, rich and poor; for they all are the children of ONE FATHER. And she is for all ages and all places, and because of this she has a mission and she must speak to all who will hear and tell of a present Saviour—Jesus Christ, who filleth all in all.

Electric Executions.

Contracts were signed a day or two since by which the State of New York purchases for the electrical execution of condemned criminals, three Westinghouse current electric light dynamos. The State prisons at Sing Sing, Auburn and Clinton are each to have one of these deadly machines, which will be driven by the engines already in place. The current will be applied to the unfortunate at the same pressure used by this system for electric lighting, and the State's experiments have shown that death will ensue in less than 30 seconds.

Misses Dollie Jameson, Jessie McGregor and Sallie Harris, of this city, will go to Mexico to-morrow for a three or four days' visit. They will attend the declamatory contest of the public school of that city to-morrow evening.—Fulton Telegraph.

After a most delightful winter, Judge and Mrs. Sumner, accompanied by their daughter, Mrs. Judy, returned from Texas this morning.

WALKED TO WASHINGTON.

A Pension Seeker Whose Lot is Unusually Hard—He is Penniless.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 8.—A travel stained and poorly appareled man accompanied by an equally badly man and child appeared at the White House today and announced that they had walked here all the way from Kansas. They had a little money where-with to purchase food on their way, but were penniless when they arrived and had eaten nothing for twenty-four hours. Upon inquiry it was developed that the man's name was W. J. Shaum and that he had applied for a pension which was refused. Some of his friends advised him to come to Washington, see the President and get the matter righted and in his simplicity he set on his long tramp with his wife and child.

Sergeant Dinsmore was obliged to deny him admittance, but after he had been ordered away a kind hearted usher at the front door of the White House followed the poor creatures out on the portico and gave them 50 cents and a card of relief to Colonel Moore, the chief of police. They were not begging, but simply in a State of destitution.

The Fourth in Mexico.

Harry in Laddonia Herd.

Mexico's deep planted patriotism is already beginning to sprout, and if the weather continues seasonable it will grow and ripen into an old-fashioned Fourth of July celebration here, when the fatted short-horn calf will be killed and the Berkshire sheep, the aged ox, the suckling lamb and the stall-fed Plymouth Rock hen will be sacrificed by side on the burning altar of American Independence, and the eloquent voices of a million free born sons of Audrain county, with unparalleled shrillness, shall mount the morning breeze and be wafted over the vine-clad hills of Callaway, shall reverberate liberty's song on the note plains of Randolph and frighten even the wild beasts of the forests along the ragged shores of the "Father of Waters." The glorious bird of liberty shall stand on one foot and gaze—more anon.

Grand and Petit Jurors.

The following jurors have been selected for the June term of Circuit Court:

Petit jury: Saling township—A. J. Turner, E. M. Traubinger, Wilson—J. B. Pool, P. Cousidine, I. J. Sims, J. Brown, Salt River—R. C. Graham, I. F. Coons, A. C. Hitt, T. J. DonCarlos, Linn—Joe Fennemal, A. C. Stoller, Wm. G. Sims; Loure—John Youngblood, Noah Wilburn, Stephen Bertels; Cuivre—R. N. Canterbury, I. N. Oaks, Wm. Maiden, W. S. Boyd; Oakville—John M. Smith, G. H. Randall, Sr.

School Enumeration.

Following is the enumeration of school children in Mexico for the years of 1887, 1888 and 1889:

JUNE, 1887.	
No. of white males.....	540
White females.....	588
Colored males.....	195
Colored females.....	196
301	

MAY, 1888.	
No. of white males.....	624
White females.....	638
Colored males.....	201
Colored females.....	187
1087	

MAY, 1889.	
No. of white males.....	609
White females.....	679
Colored males.....	197
Colored females.....	193
1380	

The Prizes Forwarded.

An elegant gold watch, the first prize of the LEDGER guessing tournament, was forwarded to Miss Maggie B. Harris, of McCredie, Mo., Friday morning. The second prize, a set of silver knives and forks, was won by Mr. James Wise, of McCredie. This prize was also forwarded that morning. The third prize, a year's subscription to the LEDGER, goes to Mr. Louis O'Brien, Mexico Mo.

Harry C. Cake, the oldest son of Elder Cake, formerly of this city, has left for Europe. In company with twenty-four of the well-known bicyclists of this country, by way of Cincinnati and Washington, he went to Boston and from that city the party will sail on the 18th, in the steamer Cephalonia for Ireland. They will land at Cork and from that place will begin a tour of Europe on bicycles.

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The Cost of Macadam.

From the Independence Sentinel.

The price of macadamizing roads has been so much reduced of late that a good road can now be made for much less than formerly. A good bed of machine-crushed rock—and no other should be used—can now be had for \$1.25 a cubic yard, or less. If the road bed is 18 feet wide and the rock be an average of six inches in thickness, one cubic yard of stone will make one yard of roadway the entire width. As there are 1,760 yards to the mile, a first class road will cost but \$2,200 per mile or \$550 to each quarter section. If the road be 15 feet wide it will cost one-sixth less, or \$1,844.34 per mile. Of this amount the County Court will pay \$1,475.30, or three fourths, leaving the land owners but \$368.04 per mile or \$92.01 to the quarter section, to pay. Is this not an opportunity to jump at? But the consideration of the important subject does not end here. The cost of the road would immediately attach to the opposite land, adding to each fronting quarter section the sum of \$458.43, or \$2.86 per acre, while the cost per acre to the owner is but 66 cents, a net gain to the land owner of \$2.30 per acre. Nor is this all. The hauling would be made easier. There would be less wear and tear of vehicle, much less distress to horse-flesh. Land, if for sale at all, would bring ready buyers and at figures much advanced upon present rates. The people should think of this matter and think seriously. They should act and act promptly.

Not Exactly News.

NOW comes Ouida, the first of her own peculiar school of passion writers, with a long piece for the fulfillment of the marriage bond. Love and marriage, she says, are wholly foreign. It is in her last book that she makes known her views on this important question and in that connection she delivers a herself of more than one startling statement. "What idiosyncy is marriage!" she says. "A man sees a woman, a woman a man, with no knowledge, no experience of any affinity, very often without any affinity they enter into the closest of all human relations, and its apostles all say that it works well, idiotic though it looks. It does not work well. It hurries men and women blindly into unions which often become absolutely hateful to them, stifling to their development, and intolerably irritating to their inclinations. It lies in the face of all the laws of sex, it is a fragment of the social code, irrational, unreal, and setting up a gigantic lie as the scaffolding which supports society. Nominally monogamous, all cultured society is polygamous; sometimes polyandrous. Why is the fact not recognized and frankly admitted?"

The writer's views are, to say the least, frankly stated and more than questionable. No one doubts that they can be refuted. Inconstancy is always glorified at Ouida's hands, while all that is good and true and desirable in man and woman is hooted at as unreal, and existing only in the deceived fancy of those who love them.

Few persons have any idea of what the coming fair and race meeting are to be. There will be more horses on the ground by the first day of July than that date ever before witnessed here. The annual stall building will have to be commenced soon, as the prospects for an increased attendance of stock were never more flattering. Secretary Glandon confidently counts on twenty-five entries to the thousand dollar guaranteed stake race. This race will be one of the features of the racing.

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SETTLE AND SAMMY.

The Christian Church Brooks no Suggestions From Outsiders—Mr. Settle's Letter.

To the Editor of the Ledger. Mexico, Mo., May 10.—I was surprised and grieved to see Mr. Cook take the stand he did, in Tuesday's *Intelligencer*, against the churches. I had always considered him a friend to them, but this is only another evidence of the "deceitfulness of man." If it is "tyrannical" on the part of the churches to admonish its members to live according to the teaching of the New Testament, what a pity it is that the book has never been handed to Mr. Cook for revision. He says: "It is difficult to estimate the value of church influence where it is consistently exercised;" and further on, he tells us that "moderation in all things should be exercised by people within as well as without the church." Then to be consistent, must we gamble a little, commit a few thefts, commit a few murders and take a short course in all the evil practices of this age? We think not; we know we ought not to do these things, Mr. Cook's advice to the contrary notwithstanding; for the Bible condemns the practice of these things and we prefer to follow its teachings. I am heartily in favor of bettering the condition of every man, woman and child that we can, but I object to Mr. Cook, or any other man or set of men, trying to influence my children, my brothers and my sisters in the church, to engage in things that would, to say the least of it, compromise their standing as Christians; though of course, when a man looks at things "through his own peculiar prejudices," it is very hard to convince him of the error of his way. We most heartily and cordially congratulate, especially, the young Christians who have taken such a noble and decided stand and have said most emphatically, by their recent act, that they will follow the teachings of the Bible instead of that of the *Intelligencer*. Stand firm, my young friends; you have nothing to fear. Poisoned arrows have been hurled at the church ever since its earliest existence, but the source from which they sometimes come is a matter of much surprise. Mr. Cook labors at some length, in his paper of Thursday, to destroy the force of the reasons given by a Baptist brother why Christians should not play cards, without answering them. He simply denies that it is a waste of time and says "it is no more gambling than certain other games." He does not deny that it dissipates the mind; that its example is injurious to others; that it leads to gambling, and as generally played to-day is gambling; and he concludes that the reason Brother McKinney and I are opposed to card playing, is on "account of our ignorance, and not the fault of the game." What a sad condition! Just think of people living in the enlightened age of the afternoon of the nineteenth century and living in total ignorance of the sciences of the morning table! Help! Help! Light! Light! Mr. Cook takes care to state twice, before inserting Brother McKinney's card, that he is not going to have his readers think he would publish such a thing of his own accord. Oh, no! Well, now, I love to be found in company with Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian and all other people who are battling against sin and for the church. I have been a member of the church for a long time and my faith in the Saviour, in the Bible, and in the final triumph of the church, is entirely too strong for Mr. Cook, even with his unbounded knowledge of scientific games and of political economy, to destroy, or even weaken it. I had no desire or thought of provoking Mr. Cook to a personal attack on myself, when I requested the publication of Brother McKinney's card, but to show to his readers that these practices are preached against by all the churches. His thrusts at me do not hurt: the point of his sword is so completely hidden by a soft, downy ball of egotism and arrogance, that it strikes and rebounds as harmlessly as a soft rubber ball would if let fall on the marble top of a card table. He says: "Amusements are as essential to a proper development of the world as the sunshine and the rain are to the growth and maturity of the products of the earth." We grant it, provided they are of the right kind. Drinks are as essential to the maintenance of natural life as solid food. Will Mr. Cook say that all drinks are equally essential and harmless?

It seems to me that Mr. Cook has just as much right to dictate to me how I shall govern my family as he has to dictate for the church, not being a member of either. I think it shows great weakness on his part to presume to dictate in either case. We would most gladly welcome Mr. Cook into the church, provided he will come in and live according to the law governing it; but if he cannot come in and live as a Christian, we would recommend that he stay out and confine his labors to the prosecution of his legitimate business, and remember that "offered services are generally rejected." In the future, if the church should feel the need of his counsel, he will be duly notified.

I do not desire a newspaper controversy and hope this will be the last of it.

W. W. SETTLE.

TWO WEEKS FREE.

The Mining Company Stops Work But Mr. Scofield Will Continue A Fortnight.

At its meeting Wednesday afternoon the Board of Directors of the Mining Company ordered Contractor Scofield to discontinue work at the hole-in-the-ground. In view of the fact that the thirty foot, three thousand pound tool that was dropped several weeks ago is still firmly planted at the bottom of the hole, the situation is quite interesting. The hole at the bottom is very small and is nearly filled by the lost tool. Aside from this disadvantage, about a dozen feet of the two inch rope are attached to the tool and it is next to impossible to secure a hold on it. The rope is almost as hard as iron itself and hooks, spears and prongs have been kept vainly jabbing at it for weeks. Several small pieces have been drawn up at different times, but at no time have the prospects for securing the tool been very flattering.

Will Continue Two Weeks.

At yesterday's meeting of the Directory work as the hole was ordered stopped, but no plans arranged or suggested for the future. This morning, however, Mr. Scofield made a proposition to the Directors to continue the fishing job for a period of two weeks, free, the company to furnish two hands. His offer was accepted.

FOUND A HOME.

The City's Orphan Adopted Into an Excellent Family of This County.

The female infant left motherless by the death of Mrs. John Baker, has found a good and permanent home. The child's father, John Baker, is a pedestrian, and his whereabouts are unknown, the man having left this city last fall. The child left by the unfortunate mother's death was last week taken for adoption by Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Boyd, prominent and well-to-do residents of this county. The child has been kept by a Mrs. Crosswhite on the West Side, since the death of its mother, the city meeting its expenses. It is quite a pretty youngster and has taken into excellent hands. The baby has been named Grace Boyd.

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